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Mr. Jere Glover, Chief Counsel
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Dear Jere,

On behalf of the small businesses of the National Marine Manufacturers Association, I would like to thank you for the continued assistance offered by the Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy regarding the EPA plan to regulate recreational marine stern drive / inboard engines. As you are aware, the US recreational marine stern drive / inboard industry consists of approximately ten companies, nine of which are considered small businesses. For the most part these companies have little or no experience in representing their interests with an EPA rulemaking. Your office has been a great help in assisting both these companies and the NMMA.

Throughout this SBREFA process, the staff in your office continues to work closely with our small entity representatives to enable them to effectively respond to the costly, burdensome and, in some cases, ridiculous requirements being currently considered by the EPA. Over the past year, the Office of Advocacy has been instrumental in helping our members raise serious concerns regarding EPA's plans, and as a result, EPA has decided to delay its plans to propose a rule for at least a year.

Our small business members appreciate the hard working staff in your office, and are grateful to know that at least one branch of the Administration is committed to helping small businesses. I look forward to continue working with your office on these important issues. If you have any questions, please call me at 202-721-1604.

Sincerely,



John McKnight, Director
Environmental and Safety Compliance

